

Newes out of France :

Concerning great troubles
likely to ensue, by occasion of the
departure of the Queene Mother from
Blois : And the causes thereof.

Contayned in the Letters of the said
Queene Mother, vnto her Sonne the *French*
KING, and his Answer therevnto; manifesting
the Motiues of his taking vp Armes, and
against whom he intends to employ them.
Dated the 17. of *March*, 1619.

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With foure other Letters of the Queene
Mother, to the Lord Chance'or, Keeper of the
Seales; *President Iannin*, and *Duke de Mayenne*,
and the Prince of *Piemont* his Letter vnto her,
concerning these Affaires.

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of the Court of France:

Concerning great troubles

likely to ensue by occasion of the
departure of the Queen Mother from
Paris: And the cause thereof.

Contained in the Letters of the said

Queen Mother unto her Son the French
King, and his Answer therunto; containing
the Reasons of his taking up Arms; and
against whom he is now fighting.
Printed at Paris, 1632.

VVith Your other Letters of the Queen

Mother, to the Lord Chancelier, one of the
Secretaries of State, and the Prince of
Condé, and the Prince of Orange.



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THE QVEENE

Mothers first Letter, sent vnto

the King of France, her Sonne, from

Loche, the 23. of February, 1619.

Stilo nouo.

MY Lord my Sonne. I haue long suffered & endured my honor and liberty to be suppressed, and withall conceived many strong and strange apprehensions of the danger of my life, and that which most sensibly moued me thereunto, was the deprivation of your sight and presence. All which in some sort and manner being done vnder the authority of your name; with the like patience I would haue expected & attended the future event thereof, without (for mine owne part) once seeking to know whether your proceedings and desires be well or badly led: but being (to my great

griefe)

to preach and set forth your vertues, and commendable praises, in such a place wherein you shall thinke good, that I shall continue the rest of my dayes. Beseeching God (as continually I doe, with the most passionate feeling of my heart) for the prosperity of you, and all your kingdome; being most truly, even in the vndermost degree of fidelity and affection, my good Lord and Sonne.

Your most humble and most affectioned Mother and Subject

MARY II.

From Lisle, the 23. of February, 1619.



THE LETTER

Written by the Queene Mo-

ther, and sent from *Angoulesme* to

the King of *France*: Bearing date the

10. of *March* 1619. *Stile nous.*



Y Lord, and deare
Sonne, I am per-
swaded that no
man will approue
the counsell that
hath beene giuen
vnto you, to ab-
staine tenne dayes
from returning an
answere vnto my

Letters, and then to put mee in a doubt how
to vnderstand your intentions, which to be
borrowed from others, and none of yours,

I doe too much conceiue and apprehend, by the great numbers of Commissions, which are sent forth vnder your Name to renforce and to leuie new companies of foot, and troupes of horse, by the Switzers, which are said to be sent for, by the Cannons which are reported to be already mounted and set forward out of your Arsenall, and by the munitions of warre which are sent against mee; I most humbly intreate you my Lord and deare Sonne, for a while to stay your proceedings, and withall to consider, what you are by others moued to doe.

When I writ that I desired to be so much obliged vnto you, as that I might let you vnderstand and know such things specially as import the good and furtherance of your service and estate; and so becom that the extremitie of the griefe which I conceaue for the armies and forces which you are counselled to leuie, at this present doth in a manner kill mee. The staine which is giuen to your name in all ages of a prodigious violence, and the desolation of your people, which thereby will ensue, will doe you more wrong, then death can procure vnto me, in such manner, that prostrating my selfe at your feete; I beseech

seech you, and earnestly intreate you, speedely to countermaund all your aforesaid preparations of forces and armies now levyed, which are bent onely against mee, what shew soeuer is otherwise made & pretended, seeing they are presently levyed vpon my departure from *Blois*, and that it is evidently knowne, that at this present you haue no other occasion of ciuill or forraigne warre to moue you thereunto. And therefore once againe I earnestly intreate you to giue care vnto me; If my intent and determination had no other ground then onely a desire to be freed of captiuitie, I thinke and certainly beleue that no man could dislike it; there being no law in the world, (no not among the Barbarians) which prohibiteth Prisoners to seeke for their libertie, and to secure their liues.

But seeing that I neuer had, nor yet haue, any intent or meaning but to let you know and be made acquainted with the euident danger of your affaires, as also of your good Subiects, easily to be perceiued, by the withdrawing of your person and your counsell from the greatest and most noble personages of your realme; I am vndoubtedly perswaded, that your bountie would gladly haue con-

ceiued the passion of my zeale, and withall commended the fidelitie and respect which I ought to haue, and owe vnto you, if it were not violently diuerted by those, who disdainning all the offers of amitie and good will, which in consideration of you, I haue made vnto them, hazard the state, and trouble the peace and tranquillity thereof, being perswaded that they cannot build the miracle of their fortunes, but vpon my ruine, whereunto I would gladly consent, if thereby I might further and procure the continuance of your greatnesse.

I protest before God and his holy Angells, that for mine owne part, I pretend nothing, neither haue any other designe then that which I ought to haue, for the prosperitie of your raigne & kingdome: and for that I see & manifestly perceiue your eares to be stopped against my faithfull and iust supplications, I must and shall be constrained, presently to make knowne in all places both of *France* and *Europe*, and hereafter vnto your selfe, the true proofes of my sinceritie and innocencie, assuring you, that as much as I can, I will seeke meanes to impeach and hinder the force of armes, whereunto you are drawne,
not

not onely against the law of God, but also of the whole world, and Nature, causing the great personages of your Monarchie, offended and discontented, to breake their bounds and to doe as much against the obedience whereunto (as it is well knowne) I alwaies counselled them: But for mine owne part, I will in all places, vse my libertie and my life to please and content you, but yet to oppose my selfe against the crueltie of those that gouerne, if for the space of this whole weeke I perceiue and see the continuance of the vniust forces, which at this present are prepared, contrary to that which I hope to finde in your good nature, and the equity of my cause, which I expect from God; I thinke I shall be forced by my iust and generall complaints, to publish and make knowne, that my deplorable misfortunes continually encrease by vniust and superfluons excesse of the ambitions and feares of those that soueraignely possesse your person and Kingdome: and that as by your permission, (but yet with my most great displeasure and dislike) I ought to dispose my actions to the necessities of defence, alwayes contayning my selfe so religiously within the bounds thereof, that I may onely draw

draw you from an opinion of dislike, for gi-
uing mee leaue to suppress them, that so I
may preserue my life, and the long dayes vp-
on earth, which I assure my selfe you will and
wish vnto her, which is, and euer shall bee,
whatsoeuer happeneth, my Lord and deare
Sonne,

Your most humble and most

affectioned Mother and Subiect

MARIA.



*From Angoulême, the
10. of March, 1619.*

Stile nou.

A LETTER

Written by the King of
France, in Answer to a Letter
sent by the Queene his Mother,
bearing date the 17. of March
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A
LETTER

Written by the King of

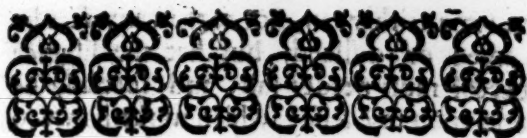
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A LETTER,
Written by the *K^e & N^e G* of
France, in answere to a Letter
sent by the Queene his Mother,
bearing date the 17. of March
1619. Stilo nouo.



ADAME. Your
last Letters, as also
the first that I re-
ceiued from you,
are to mee assuran-
ces, that it resteth
not in your power
to write and signi-
fie vnto mee the
true feeling of your
Interiour cogitations, touching your opinion
concerning the gouernement of mine estate.
You know and may perswade your selfe, that
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the same neither can, nor may, in any sort be blamed or disliked, but that the disgrace thereof must needs fall, and specially be laide vpon my selfe: which moueth mee to thinke, and verily perswades me, that you will not offer me that wrong, to bereaue me of the glory of my raigne, by attributing vnto me the reputation not to doe or effect any thing, but by the motions of others.

I know there are some that not onely seeke the meanes to perswade you, yea, and to imprint in your minde an euill opinion of my affaires, but also inforce themselues to moue you to apprehend, and sinisterly to coniecture of the preparations to Warre, which at this present I make, as if I had an intent or meaning to vse them against you. But although my authoritie of a King, doth dispence with, and warrant mee not to yeeld an accompt of mine actions vnto any man, but onely to God; Neuerthelesse, I would that all the world should know, that my resolution and intent is, to imploy them, onely for the maintenance of mine owne authoritie, the peace and tranquility of my Kingdome, and to hinder and impeach the meanes and motions, that in any wise may or might trouble the same, or procure the Ruine and desolation of my faithfull Subiects, as also
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to oppose my selfe against the pernicious intents purposes and practises of those, who vnder your name and title, haue levyed and gathered diuers companies of Souldiers, as well within, as without the Realme, which I should neuer haue beleueed, if I had not seene and heard the Letters, which they haue caused you to write, not onely touching this subiect, but also to giue an euill impression, of the administration of my affaires vnto diuers Princes, Lords, and others, as well my Subiects as strangers, who would not beleue it. The knowledge and feeling (which the perturbators of the common peace of this Realme haue alwaies had,) of the singular affection and honour which I beare vnto you, makes them hope that my clemency will indifferently pardon and remit all the attempts which they enterprise and take on them to doe in your name, against my regall authoritie.

But I alwayes knew, and know how to distinguish your interest from theirs, in mee, hauing no other resolution, then onely to loue and honour you as my Mother, and to punish them as rebellious Subiects, and enemies to my estate. Nature so powerfully vnieth mee to harken vnto all that which in any wise toucheth and concerneth your

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good or hurt, that I am bound to imploy all the power and force that God hath given vnto mee, for your deliuerance. Those that attend vpon my person, haue so many and so euident testimoniesto perswade them of the respect which I alwaies haue had and borne vnto you, that you may beleue, and certainly perswade your selfe, that they are as desirous of your contentment, as in reason they are affected, to further and aduance those things that concerne and appertaine vnto my seruice. The former testimony as also those which continually they shew vnto me thereof, are so euident, that they binde and oblige mee to maintaine and protect them, both by reason and Iustice.

Assure your selfe, MADAME, that there is no man so bolde, that dare enterprife or take vpon him to propound any proposition, which may in any wise sound against, or be contrary to the Honour and respect which is due vnto you. If you perswade your selfe, that there is any thing to bee required and desired in a Kingdome, where in Iustice and Peace hath equally flourished and bene maintained, ever since I had the care and gouernement thereof, you may when it pleaseth you, vtter vnto mee that which you secretly conceiue in your minde, without

without spreading, or causing Complaints
publikely to bee given foorth: Which man-
ner of proceeding, as it is wholly against my
meaning and intent, so it giues cause sinister-
ly to iudge of yours; for that the same hath
neuer beene nor is practised or vsed, but one-
ly by those that alwayes haue had a desire, ra-
ther to perturb and trouble the gouernment,
than to procure the reformation thereof.

In my last Letters I wrote, and likewise
by *Monsieur de Bethune*, by word of mouth
certified vnto you, that if it please you, you
may chuse any of your owne Houses, or of
mine, therein to liue at your pleasure and
full and free liberty, without any impeach-
ment; in such manner that it is long of your
selfe, if you liue not happily and contented-
ly. Let mee onely entreate at your hands, to
be ayding and assistant vnto my good enten-
tions, with a true correspondence of will & af-
fection; and let me see and perceiue some testi-
monies from you therein, as worthy of a
good Mother, as those which you shall
receiue from me, are worthy of
him, who

MADAME,

resteth your most humble
and obedient Sonne

LOVVS.

*From Paris, the 17.
of March, 1619.*

Stile nouo.

with its friends, or sending it
publicly to be read, or
not of proceeding, as it is
manuscript and not in
type, and your letter which
never before was printed or
by the editor was inserted
now appears in the
then to procure the reformation thereof.
In my last letter I wrote, and likewise
by the editor was inserted, by which it
appeared that the editor had
inserted any of your own MSS. or
made use of mine as your property, and
that I was thereby without any injury
to him in such manner that it is not
likely that you will not have any complaint
by the use only entered at your hands, to
be settled and adjusted with my good
will, and a true extract of the whole
of the letter and of the letter, and
sent from you that only as a letter
and M. J. as the whole which you
received from me, and which
I have now

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I have now

Letters written by the Queene
 Mother of France, to the Lord Chancellor,
 the Lord Keeper of the Seales, and the
 Lord President Iannin.

The Queenes Letter to the Lord Chancellour.

MY Lord, I haue hitherto laboured
 and sought only to let the King my
 Sonne vnderstand, the iust causes
 and reasons of my escape from
 Blois, wholly grounded vpon the passion, and
 bounden duty which I haue and owe vnto
 the good and furtherance of his seruice. But to
 the contrary, those that are and attend about his
 Person, thinke me so vnworthy to know his in-
 tents, that they haue made me deferre the same,
 and induced him to rigorous and violent cour-
 ses, such as the like were neuer heard of before; as
 those which I specially apprehend, which are
 to raise puissant forces against the person of her,
 that brought him into the World; and who
 breathes and apprehends no other thing, but
 onely passion and obedience, to those things
 which may be good & profitable vnto him, al-
 though the place and presence of euill counsel-
 lours, were contrary, and suspitious vnto mee:
 Villiers hath not forborne in heart, to acknow-
 ledge the tender affection of nature, in such
 manner, that I must of force with more hope,
 summon you before God, and your native
 C Country,

Country; that according to the duty of your office, you should not feare to shew vnto him, the great importance and danger of that which he is moued to doe: without any respect at all of my dignity, or commiseration of my misery. And to the end that you may truly know and vnderstand, what I haue written vnto him, I haue deliuered vnto this bearer two Coppies of the Letters which I sent him touching this matter, as knowing well, that they are often times kept from you, and all others the good and ancient Counsellours and Seruants to the King and the Crowne. And herewith I beseech God, my Lord Chancellour, to protect and preserve you.

From Anyons fine che. ro. of

March, 1577. Still more.

*The Queenes Letter to the Lord Keeper
of the Seales.*

MY Lord: It was neuer yet heard of, nor knowne, that a Prince would at any time purposely defer and put off the hearing of the counsell or suite of a faithfull Subiect; and that a Sonne, in stead of satisfying the sincere affection of a good Mother, should bee moued, or counselled, violently to take armes against her, therewith to oppress her. I know well, that the wisdom wherewith you are so religiously indowed, neither will nor can move you to giue him any such counsell; and much lesse can I be perswaded

perswaded, that the good nature of the King my
 Sonne, can be induced or moved vnto any such
 extraordinary motions, whereof if I were in
 doubt, the very greefe I should thereby conceiue
 would kill mee. But seeing that God hath pre-
 sently made mee to perceiue and know the vio-
 lent natures, of those that alwaies were my ene-
 mies, and seeke to afflict me: I thought good
 to put you herewith in mind of the strict dutie
 whereunto you are obliged; which is, freely to
 tell him your minde and opinion, in so impor-
 tant a cause. And reading the Coppies of two
 Letters written by me vnto him touching this
 matter, you may iudge and easily perceiue the
 equity and true intent of my deservings: which
 that you may the better consider of, I beseech
 God (my Lord) to haue you in his keeping.

From Angouleme the 19. of
 March, 1619. *Stilo nauo.*

The Queenes Letter to the Lord

President Iannin.

MY Lord, my desire is, that you should tell
 the King my Sonne, that which in consci-
 ence you thinke conuenient and fit for him to
 beleue and to do, touching the supplication by
 mee made vnto him; to hearken vnto the great
 passion which at this present I haue for the pre-
 seruation of his authority, and the good of his
 estate: for that your Office, and your counsels
 at this present are much more necessary and

conuenienter for him then euer they were, in regard that hee is moued vnto the most violent & vnlawfull warre that euer was heard of. I writ vnto him another Letter, whereof, as also of the first, this bearer shall giue you a copy, to the end that being informed of the iustice and cleerenes of my proceedings, you may giue him counsell as much as possibly you can, for the good and furtherance of his seruice, and the peace of his Kingdome, which I will seeke to maintaine as much as in melieth, euen to the losse of my life; and so I beseech God my Lord to haue you in his holy keeping.

From *Angouleme* the 10. of
March, 1619. *Stilo nouo.*

The Queenes Letter to the Duke de Mayenne.

MY good Cosen, I was resolved for euer with patience to haue surmounted my afflictions, as long as there had beene no other question made but of my interest and paines, thereby not to minister any cause or shadow vnto the King my Sonne, that I once so much as imagined or dreamt of a desire to separate my selfe from his intents, although it is to be thought, that therein he is badly counsell'd: but hauing for the space of a whole yeere beene solicited by the generall complaints and intreaties of diuers persons, both within and without the Realme, to let the King my

my Sonne vnderstand and know the eminent danger of his authority, and the tranquility of his Realme; I made no difficulty to hazard my life by a most dangerous escape, that so I may safely shew him the intent and true meaning of a good and faithfull Mother; and haue already written vnto him, most humbly beseeching him to set mee downe such a forme as it shall please him to appoint mee to hold and obserue in the uttering thereof. I thought good speedily to impart thus much vnto you, not onely because the account I make of you, together with all *France*, makes mee desire to let you vnderstand my determination: but also knowing the great estimation which the King my Sonne hath, and ought to haue of your Counsell; I wish you would ioyne your intreaties with mine, thereby to moue him vnto the remedies, which I assure my selfe you know better then others to bee most necessary. Strictly intreating you aboue all things, as much as possibly I may, in the meane time carefully to put to your helping hand, that no stirre be made; and that euery man attend and expect from his good nature that which he is obliged to shew vnto his Subiects and estate: If I needed any witnesses to proue, that the opinions of the seruice of the King my Sonne haue moued me to certaine resolutions, which nothing concerned mine owne particular, I would first set you downe for one; and at this present I protest vnto you, vpon the confidence which I

desire to haue of your magnanimity, in a bus-
 nesse of such importance; and in respect of the
 inclination, which you know well I alwayes
 bare vnto you, that in the most interior thoughts
 of my heart, I haue no other intents nor resolu-
 tions, then onely those, which the prosperity and
 power of the King my Sonne cause me to haue.
 Let vs therefore labour to that end, and for your
 part you shall finde mee (together with the ac-
 count I make of your valour) to be alwayes

From Roche Roy
 the 6. of March
 1619.

Your very good and affectionate
 Cousen, MARIA.

*The Duke de Mayennes Answer to the
 Queenes Letter.*

MAdam: I cannot conceale from your
 Maiesty, the extreame displeasure that I
 feele in my selfe, to see and behold the estate
 whereunto your departure from *Blais* may re-
 duce and bring the affaires of this Realme: And
 should conceiue much more, were it not for the
 assurance which it pleaseth you in honor to giue
 me, of your true intents, for the good and con-
 tentment of the King. I beseech God with all
 my heart, (Madam) that he would be pleased to
 ayde you with holy inspirations. For mine own
 part, hauing not the meanes to contribute any
 other thing thereunto, but that which belon-
 geth to the duty of an honest man, a most faith-
 full

fall Seruant to the King, and one that resolutely
hath determined (all other considerations set
apart) wholly and onely to relie vpon his will
and pleasure: Doe me that Honor in the meane
time, good Madam, to beleene that I am

Your most humble and obedi-
ent Seruant, *De. Mayenne.*

From Burdeaux the 12. of
March, 1629. *Stilo nouo.*

*A Letter written by the Prince of Piemont
to the Queene.*

MAdam: I haue conceiued an exceeding con-
tentment, to accompany my most Soue-
raign Lord the King, in his pretended voyage to
Blais, to visit your Maiesty, in hope there to
to haue had the meanes to haue done you some
seruice; perswading my selfe, that the enteruiew
of your Maiesties, reestablisning a perfect vnion
between you, as we here saw, noted and percei-
ued by all sorts of good dispositions, I should
haue had a better meanes, by my submission
and obedience to testifie and shew forth, how
much I esteeme of the Honor to bee allied vnto
the same. But how much the more I reioyced
in the expectation and attendance of that good
happe, so much the more grieefe I receiued and
conceiued at the displeasure I tooke to see my
selfe estranged and prolonged from it, by the
sudden and vnexpected departure of your Ma-
iesty

iesty from thence: And that which grieved me more, was, to see and perceiue by your Maiesties Letters, that you haue taken occasion to withdraw your person from *Blois*, supposing your selfe therein not to be secure, and that you could not freely let the King know of the disorders which some men haue made you beleue to be crept into his estate. Which I esteem not to proceede from the pure will or conceit of your Maiesty, whose iudgement and nature is most excellent, but onely from the craft and policie of those, who seeing and perceiuing your Maiestie to stand vpon the point of strict vnit-
 • ing together, haue giuen you those impressions, hoping to reape profit by your disunion, and the trouble which they peraduenture suppose it will breede vnto this state: for it is most certaine, and I am able to iustifie it, as hauing known it well; that there was not any kinde of liberty whatsoener, which your Maiesty should not haue had in *Blois*; and that there cannot be any more added to the tender motions, and true affection, which the King beareth vnto you, if we marke and consider the conduction of his actions, both private and publike, which all are answerable to the most great reputation which hee hath gotten, and to the estimation in all places made of his vertue and generosity, whereof, besides the effects which all Christendome feeleth, I daily see and perceiue diuers manifest proofes, beholding him sitting in the middle of the ancient

ent Officers and Counsellors of the late King his Father, with so solide a iudgement, so exact Justice, and so firme and couragious resolution, that there is no man but will iudge (and shal find subiect to admire him, and to beleene) that God hath endued him with so many excellent parts, with an intent to blesse his Raigne, and to raise and eleuate his glory, aboue that of his Aunces-
 tors. The profession that I haue alwayes made to loue the truth, the duty which bindeth me to publish that which I know, and the extreame griefe I conceiue to behold the labyrinth, where-into (those which in some manner disguise the same vnto you) would cast you, shall dispence with me, if it please you Madam, for speaking so freely vnto you. And further, if I beseech you, (as I doe) with all humility, to banish out of your thoughts all whatsoever you may haue imagined or conceiued therein, to the preiudice of the sincerity of the Kings intents, and of his Graces prudent and wise conduction. Assuring my selfe, that when it shall please your Maiesty to looke better into it, without suspition, you shall therein find all sorts of satisfactions; seeing that like a good and a wise Mother you cannot haue any greater desire then to behold the prosperity of the King your Sonnes affaires, and to liue in perfect loue and amity with him. I know he is much moued against those, whom he conceiue and esteemeth to haue a pretence, vnder your name to moue and procure an alteration;

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and I perceiue that he maketh preparation powerfully to assayle them. It consisteth in your wisdom Madam, to preuent the infinite mischiefs that thereby may arise, and not to endure nor see by your occasion, and vnder pretence to procure another order in the State, confusion; and those disorders therein to reigne, which commonly follow and ensue ciuill warres, God, nature, your owne good, and all sorts of considerations bind you thereunto; I assure and perswade my selfe that the bounty, and good nature of your Maiestie will wholly moue you to the contrary. The House of *senoy*, and my selfe specially, are so much beholding vnto the King, that in case to preserve his authority, to bring and compell the enemies of the quiet estate of *France*, and the greatnesse of his Crowne, to reason and obedience, and to restore your Maiesty to the liberty which you are bereaued of, by your retract from *Blois*, hee shall bee constrained to make warre, we will therein freely venture our liues & goods, and all our forces to testifie to the World that we are not vnthankfull for the vnspcakable fauours which it hath pleased him to impart vnto vs; herewith beseeching God long to preserve your Maiesty in health, and to giue mee Madam by my good endeuours and seruices, the quality.

From Paris the
12. of March,
1619.

To be your most humble and most
obedient seruant, V. Amedee.



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